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In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 12, 2004, Applicants elect Group III, Claims 46-51. The species requirement imposed by the Examiner does not apply to Group III. Applicants, therefore, believe that no response is due for the species. This election is being made without traverse.

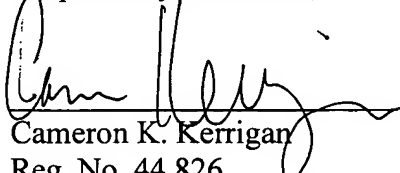
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